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SPIELBERG TO EXPOSE UFO COVER-UPS

ACE director Steven Spielberg is deserting science fiction – for science fact.

The genius behind movie blockbusters *ET*, *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind* and *Jurassic Park* is secretly working on a £50 million movie that he claims will unmask a government cover-up of an alien spaceship crash in New Mexico in 1947.

Project X is based on the Roswell Air Force base incident which gave the world the term "flying saucer". Spiel-

berg believes the US military took away alien bodies from the crashed UFO.

Hollywood insiders say the director has got hold of previously unseen film footage of the flying saucer crash scene taken by a mili-

tary officer. "Everybody is talking about *Project X*," says a Tinseltown source.

"Spielberg has already got a team at Hamlin Productions working on the script.

"This is going to be a totally different film

from the likes of *ET* which was just a fairy story.

"It's about the UFO crash and the political intrigue that followed."

The movie is due for release in 1997 – the 50th anniversary of the alleged alien landing.

DAILY MIRROR, Wednesday, December 22, 1993

UFO lights up Warren skies

Motorists' sightings reported near prisons

By Kimberly Peles
Journal Staff Writer

LEBANON — A silent object that appeared in the sky as a clear light surrounded by rotating colored lights was reportedly seen by motorists Thursday morning near Lebanon and Warren correctional institutions.

The Lebanon post of the Ohio Highway Patrol received four calls between 2:30 and 3:35 a.m. regarding the object, which could have been a weather balloon, plane or UFO, a dispatcher

said.

"If we have a call, we'll send a patrol car out if (possible) and log that something was observed," she said. "Most people don't want to give their names because they think you'll think they're crazy."

The post was unable to send a patrol car to the area because of an accident that occurred about the same time, the dispatcher said.

However, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base was contacted to determine if it had any planes flying in that area, which it didn't, she said.

Two of the four calls that the Lebanon post received came

from LCI, the dispatcher said.

"Anytime there is anything suspicious or intrusive spotted, we report it," said LCI Warden William Dallman, who noted that there is no such thing as a UFO.

Sandra Crawford, public relations spokeswoman for WCI, said that no one at that prison turned in an actual report on the object.

"But, there were supposedly some people (staff members) who saw it," Crawford said.

Calls received by the Warren County Sheriff's Office concerning the object were referred to the Ohio Highway Patrol, a sheriff's dispatcher said.

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by ALAN THOMSON

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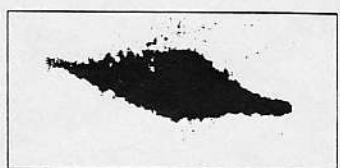
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Close encounter scares

A mother and her 20-year-old daughter this week claimed to have been frightened after a strange silent craft followed them down Green Road.

Their encounter lasted about an hour and a half. The two, who live in the Derby Road area of Ashbourne, became aware of an elongated H shape in the sky on their right as they passed the Little Chef travelling the A52 towards Ashbourne. It was about 9.10pm.

"It was not a plane or a helicopter and had lights at the bottom like strobe lights moving around very slowly," recalled the mother. "It was square shape and very large in the sky."

"I wanted to go home when we got to Ashbourne but my daughter said to go to Green Road, where I knew that we should see it."

"Against my better judgment we went although I was frightened because I knew it would be there."

"Just past the Grammar School my daughter shouted that it was there on the left above the houses."

"I had already locked the car doors and drove up Green Road to about ten houses before the end, and stopped."

"Now it seemed to have lost shape and was replaced by a bright flashing star which we felt compelled to focus on."

"We were quiet, and kept looking for about five minutes and then suddenly there it was above us."

"I leaned forward and looked through the windscreen and directly above us was this saucer

shaped thing, as big as a house and as high as a house."

"It was round, and a silvery white colour with white flashing lights around it and other round shapes around it like glowing ball lights."

"There was no sound at all and I was petrified and my daughter screamed 'Oh my God.' I felt as though it could have beamed us up, so put the car in reverse and backed down Green Road at about 40 miles an hour."

"As I did so my daughter was shouting that it was following us, but by the time we got near to Town Head it had gone over the houses and trees and I felt a bit safer and stopped again."

They both got out of the car and stood looking up into the sky when they again saw the elongated H shape which, as they looked, changed into a cigar shape.

"As we looked it took off and shot across to the left, back to the right and back to the left. Then it disappeared."

The two now decided to go home but getting back in the car found it was icy cold, as though a frosty morning, although the heater had been on all the way from Derby.

Driving up Derby Road and looking across

the valley they saw the H shape still over Green Road and arriving home the woman got her husband to go back with them.

They followed the strange craft up to Kniveton, and saw it flashing again before it shot over towards Hognaston.

"My husband works in the aerospace industry," said the woman, "and had never seen anything like it. It was like nothing I had ever seen either."

The woman admitted she had been very disturbed by the experience and said it would take a long time to get over it.

"Although I am pleased to have seen it and wonder why it came to us, I never thought I was going to make it home. I thought life was going to disappear and me with it."

In July when a woman on the Green Road area was also frightened by a strange huge disc shaped object, several *News Telegraph* readers suggested it was a Chinook helicopter.

But when the *News Telegraph* described the experience and description to RAF Strike Command at High Wycombe, spokesman Dale Donovan said it did not sound at all like a helicopter.

"The Chinook, while being 99 feet long including the rotar at each end, is a very loud aeroplane making a very distinctive vibrating noise."

"It also has a considerable down-draught."

"I think you are talking here of something more than a helicopter."

At the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall, UFO sightings are dealt with by Mr Nick Pope who has asked that the women in question should send him full details of the incident and a sketch of the craft.

"Ninety-five per cent of reports we receive can be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena," explained Mr Pope.

"Satellites, aircraft, weather balloons, meteorites and so on. But we accept five per cent of sightings do appear to defy explanation and on which we are open minded and have no better idea than the next person."

Last year Mr Pope received 147 reports from members of the public, usually via the local police.

So far he has received no reports for Tuesday evening last week.

WITNESSES
UFO

STRANGE lights suddenly appear in the sky. Your windows fly open and standing before you is a creature worthy of lead role in a Steven Spielberg movie.

What would you do? Invite it in for a cuppa or point out that the fancy dress party is actually next door?

Joking apart, visitations from ET lookalikes are taken very seriously by a large number of people from all walks of life.

The nearest most of us have probably got to a flying saucer is when someone throws a tantrum in the kitchen. But there are countless folk who claim they have spotted UFOs over the years — and even those who believe they have been abducted by beings not of this world.

Those who say they have seen bizarre objects in the skies certainly do not fall into the nutcase category.

Pop star David Bowie used to edit a UFO magazine as a teenager and says he often saw battalions of alien craft: "They came over so regularly that we used to time them."

Star Trek star William Shatner saw an object glistening in the heavens in the Sixties: "I don't know if it was a flying saucer, but I'd often joked to myself that if I were a little green man and wanted publicity I'd make contact with Captain Kirk."

And former boxer Muhammad Ali has had a number of sightings and says that in the early morning you can see UFOs playing tag between the stars. "I'm convinced they are of tremendous importance," he says.

Every year, hundreds of people involved and interested in the UFO phenomena gather at an international conference organised by the Yorkshire-based organisation Independent UFO Network.

This year the subject of debate at the conference over the past weekend was UFOs: Fact, Fraud Or Fantasy? Topics under discussion ranged from abductions in the USA, UK and Africa, case histories, hoaxes and theories attempting to explain the UFO phenomena.

Fascinating

Conference organiser Philip Mantle has been an amateur UFO investigator for many years. He is one of many investigators from all over the country who belong to the Independent UFO Network.

Last year the organisation opened its doors to public membership for those wanting to find out more about what is without doubt a fascinating subject — for believers and sceptics alike.

Mantle — who works in the traditionally down-to-earth printing industry (and is a shop steward to boot) — says:

■ **IS the Idea of UFOs Just pie in the sky?**

■ **Or is there some strange life in the skies looking down on us?**

■ **Believers are numerous - such famous figures as Muhammed Ali, David Bowie and William Shatner claim to have sighted UFOs.**

■ **CATHY GORDON, Press Association NewsFeatures Writer, reports on this fascinating phenomena ..**

"We are amateurs in every sense of the word."

He stresses that the organisation is a healthy mixture of those who do believe in UFOs, those who are sceptical and those who subscribe to a variety of theories.

"I am the proverbial fence-sitter," says Mantle. "I am convinced something is happening, but the nature and origin of it still eludes us. There are many interesting possibilities."

Ninety-five per cent of reports of so-called unidentified objects are in fact identified at the end of the day.

"Some believe that UFOs are nothing more than rare, natural phenomena created by the earth itself," says Mantle. Others think their experiences are spiritual, while some believe there is a psychological explanation for the seemingly inexplicable.

His own sighting of a UFO was on July 24, 1984. He was driving home from work when he saw what he describes as "two pearly white luminous spheres" over the Yorkshire town of Middleton.

"They disappeared before my very eyes," he says.

Many other people from miles around also reported seeing the same thing. No explanation was discovered.

It was his curiosity which led him to become a UFO investigator.

"I came across the UFO thing quite by chance — it is a huge puzzle. If the day comes that I am satisfied that any one theory fits the bill as far as I am concerned then I am finished. It won't even matter if I'm the only person who believes that particular theory."

One woman with an amazing story to tell is Janice Georgiou, a mother-of-eight from London whose unusual experiences date back to when she was just 13. Janice claims that since then she has had "visitations" and has also been abducted twice.

She now runs a support group and produces a magazine, The UFO Witness, for others who have — or are having — similar experiences.

Janice says the only negative experiences were her abductions. "This is because there is a feeling of unrest, a feeling of evil about it."

What did her abductors look like? "They look very fleshy, very see-through. You can't see any bones or anything like that. They seemed to have these really huge eyes."

"There are more people who have seen UFOs than seen God, yet the Church is one of the most respected organisations in the world."

■ For information about the Independent UFO Network contact Philip Mantle on 0924 444049.

■ For details about The UFO Witness Magazine and the witness support group contact Janice Georgiou on 081 341 5883.

UFO in field, claims Dianne

By Penny Randall

UFO experts believe a young mum had a Close Encounter of the Third Kind - in field!

Dianne Munro, 33, spotted the object from the bedroom of her house in Warren Drive last Sunday night.

The sighting comes just

a week after a young couple said they were buzzed by a UFO on the A3 by Purford, near Dorking.

"I was looking out of my window and I saw a red light with a white glow in the centre," said Dianne.

"It was coming towards me, just skimming across the tree tops very slowly, when suddenly it flew up into the air very quickly." Dianne believes the object was about 20 feet across. It was completely silent, and seemed to be looking for something.

"My first thought was that it was an aircraft, but they usually fly over my house east to west, and this was flying north to south."

Dianne added: "I used to laugh at the idea of UFOs, but now I'm not so sure."

Startling

Police have confirmed the Sussex Police Helicopter was nowhere near Ifield on Sunday night — and a Gatwick spokesman said nothing unusual had been reported by Air Control.

The Meteorological Office, who have a station at Pease Pottage, said no weather balloons, which are often mistaken for UFOs, had been released for some time.

Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena spokesman, Gordon Millington, said Dianne's sighting ties in with a cluster of reports from the nearby Pitch Hill area, which is near Dorking.

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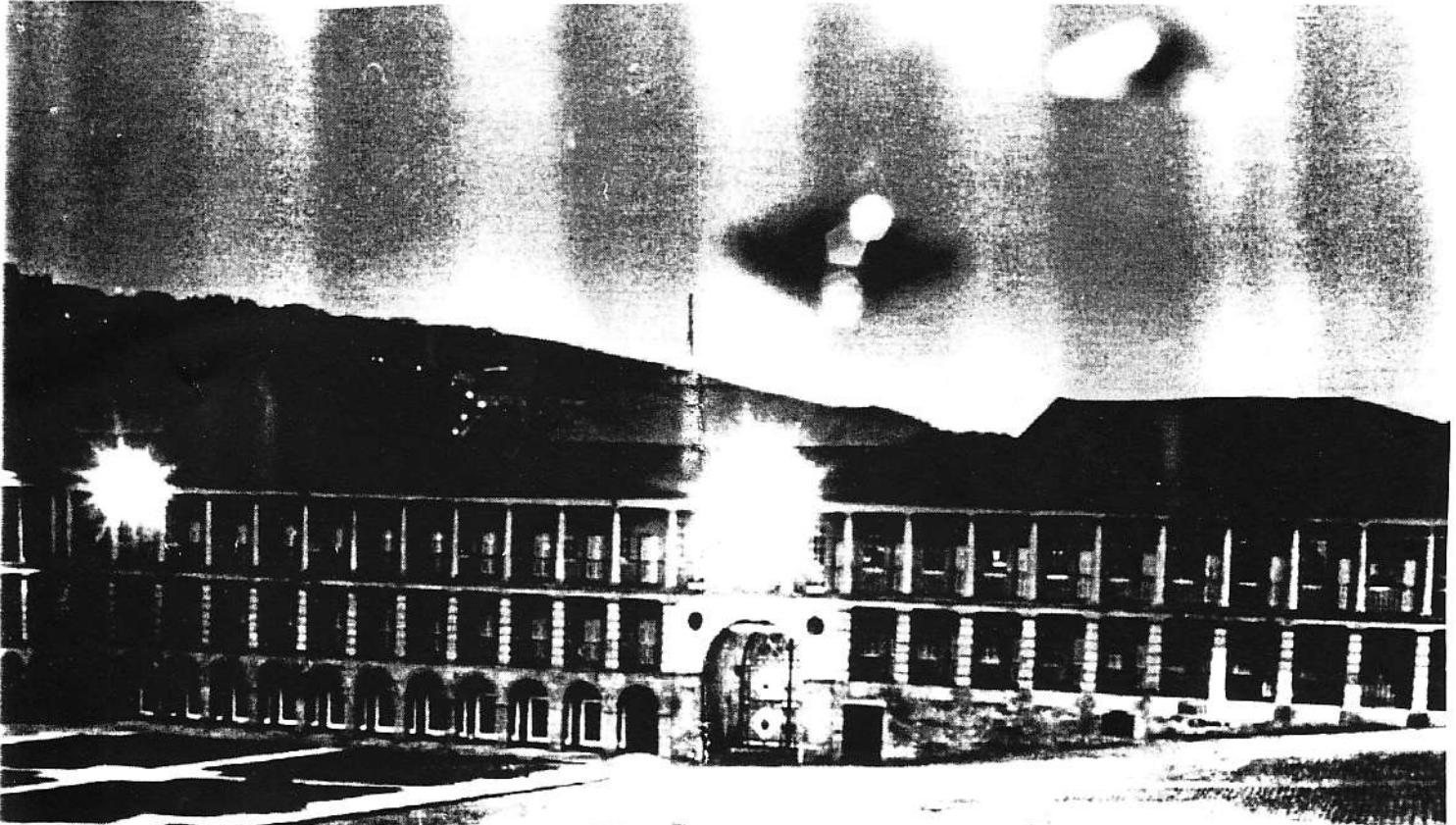
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very startling indeed," he said.

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UFO Spotting

on Ilkley Moor

YORKSHIRE is renowned for many things but its latest claim to fame is in danger of being dismissed as pie in the sky. For the county is regarded as a hot spot for flying saucers!

In fact 'experts' claim that the area around Bradford is the centre of UFO activity in Britain. One of them David Barclay has even published a book, *UFO - The Final Answer*, listing several sightings in West Yorkshire and including a local man's astonishing claim that he was abducted by aliens on Ilkley Moor and taken aboard their spaceship.

'He claims he was shown film of natural disasters to emphasise that we are ruining the planet,' said Mr Barclay, who lives in Shipley and has studied UFOs for 40 years.

Stan Ledgard, who runs a centre at Queensbury which runs courses on a wide range of alternative theories and complementary medicines, says the theory is that flying saucers are following the earth's magnetic lines, using them as directional signs. 'It seems a number of these lines come together in the Bradford area, which is why we are supposed to be a

hot spot for UFOs' said Mr Ledgard.

'I have an open mind on this subject and there are certainly a number of UFO sightings that cannot be satisfactorily explained. Mathematically, I would say that the chances of there being life on other planets is higher than there not being life.'

The Mountain Hall centre organised a weekend course on UFOs in August, the highlight of which was a Saturday evening visit to Ilkley Moor to show the group where the alleged abduction took place.

Mr Ledgard said the idea of the course was to present as many different theories as possible and let people make up their own minds. A psychologist was among the guest speakers, discussing hallucinations as a possible explanation for UFO sightings.

Another speaker was Paul White, a member of the Aetherus Society, who talked about the various types of UFOs seen and his own personal experience of seeing a 'silent, orange, pulsating sphere cross the English Channel in just 12 seconds.' He also claims that in the mid 1980s the entire crew of a Japanese air freighter followed a UFO across Canada with the spaceship being visible on

the plane's radar and on ground radar.

'It remained exactly one nautical mile ahead of the pilot, even when he did a 360 degree turn, anticipating his every move. I don't believe any terrestrial aircraft could do that.'

Mr Ledgard says his centre is always looking to organise different and thought provoking courses, particularly on controversial or unusual subjects. 'All our courses, which range from studying tarot cards, psychic healing and even reincarnation, where people can actually experience hypnosis to see if they regress to a past life, allow people to consider all aspects of a subject and make up their own minds.'

The photograph was taken outside the Piece Hall at Halifax and purports to show a flying saucer (the dark, cigar shaped object) hovering above the building. In fact, the photograph is a fake and was created in the dark room. However, Mr Ledgard who supplied the print, says he has seen photographs of UFOs which cannot be explained by tricks of the camera.

TONY SKINNER

'There is definitely something out there'

NINETY-FIVE per cent of supposed UFO sightings are easily explained, with a logical reason for an experience which at first glance seems to be an out of this world phenomenon.

The reasons are many and varied; from some kind of atmospheric hiccup to an unusual form of aircraft making an unscheduled flight.

These simple answers doesn't alter the fact that five per cent of reported incidents never get explained, leaving plenty of room for theories on other life forces.

Although her main interest is outer space, you don't get many people as down-to-earth on the subject as Gloria Dixon.

Gloria, the North-East researcher and investigator for the Independent UFO Network and a member of the British UFO Research Association, doesn't need to hear anyone else's cynical view as she's got more than enough scepticism of her own. But what she does say with the authority that only comes after years of study and research is "that there is definitely something out there."

Gloria's over-riding fear is that she'll come over as some kind of crank and is anxious people realise that those at the sharp end of UFO investigation take it very seriously indeed.

Interest

"There isn't enough scientific interest being taken in the subject," said the housewife, speaking at her home on the outskirts of Newcastle.

It is the release of the movie *Fire in the Sky*, which recounts the case of an Arizona logger who disappeared for five days and returned with a story of alien abduction, that has prompted this sudden surge of interest in UFO's. But for Gloria it's a subject which has fascinated her for more than 20 years.

"I first got interested when I lived in America and I read Project Blue Book, which is about the US airforce's UFO investigation unit which was disbanded in 1969," she said.

Meeting a number of people who claimed to have had "close encounters" fuelled this interest but it wasn't until three years ago after attending a BUFORA conference that Gloria decided to get actively involved.

By BERNICE SALTZER

The investigator laughingly explains how many incidents have simple answers.

"I had one woman in Whitley Bay phone me who was in a panic because she was bathed in blue light," said Gloria.

"And it turned out to be just a laser being beamed from the MetroCentre."

That doesn't alter the fact however that, according to Gloria and her colleagues, "there are unidentified aerial phenomena going on globally."

One of the most striking cases recorded took place in Redcar ten years ago and is one of the few that Gloria actually believes was an encounter of some kind.

A young couple were woken up by their young daughter's screams and went to comfort her, noticing an oval-shaped saucer outside in the garden.

"They went to leave the room and the husband just disappeared," said Gloria.

"She saw two or three entities at the bottom of the stairs which were two or three feet in height and the next thing they remember was they were in bed with their daughter beside them."

The experience greatly unnerved the couple who underwent hypnosis to try and recall the whole series of events.

It's easy to be dismissive but Gloria claims that their distress and recall was such that it's hard to disbelief their story.

And that's not the only case which has come to light which defies any explanation:

1980 - Alan Godfrey, a policeman in Yorkshire saw a hovering object above him. The next thing he knew was he was 100 yards down the road and 20 minutes had elapsed. Three colleagues working in the area that same night also recalled seeing lights over the Yorkshire Moors.

1976 - At Fencehouses on the outskirts of Sunderland, a woman and her daughter both claimed to have seen a small object and tiny beings.

1979 - A Gateshead woman asleep in her bed heard a whirring sound "like a lawnmower", confirmed by a neighbour. A few nights later saw lights and then a small craft appear outside her bedroom.

1988 and 1989 seems to be years when a number of sightings took place, with stories like those which have arisen in the north mirrored around the world. People who have never met each other and have nothing in common reveal the same stories time and time again; of cars which cut out when bathed in a mysterious light, of radios which are full of static.

"In some cases a percentage have wounds similar to radiation burns," said Gloria.

Loss of time is a familiar theme in these cases, with people who think events have occurred in a matter of seconds discovering they have been missing for hours.

In America a great deal of research has taken place with people who claim to have been the victim of alien abduction and in

some cases some fascinating film footage has been taken of unusual crafts.

One of the most bizarre situations to come to light are the thousands of cattle mutilations which have taken place around the world since the 70's.

"They started in the Colorado area," said Gloria.

Mutilated

"Lots of cattle that were found badly mutilated yet there are no tracks leading to them and no blood anywhere."

In these cases organs have been removed with surgical precision, giving all the indications of having been cut out with a laser. Gloria has endless information at her fingertips and while she is sceptical until given proof, she is open minded enough to believe that there could well be other life forms in existence.

"How can we be so arrogant to think that in a galaxy this size, we are the only life which exists?" she said.

"I don't know if some of these things are internally generated but what I do think is that some of these things are real."

■ The Independent UFO Network is holding an international UFO conference on August 14 and 15 at the University of Hallam, Pond Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire with speakers attending from around the world.

Anyone wanting to attend or wanting further information can contact organiser Philip Mantle on 0924 444049.

Earthling looks for a shot in the dark

After my first close encounter with a UFO enthusiast, I come away pinching myself. Does Les Stacey exist or is he a figment of my imagination? Anyone who spends most of his life looking upwards for flying saucers must, as it were, have his head in the clouds. Surely alien spaceships and extraterrestrials are only to be found among the special-effects cast-offs of tinseltown?

Les is not the frothing-at-the-mouth fantasist of popular mythology. He turns out to be a mild-mannered, middle-aged man from Marks Tey, an alarmingly logical earthling, as one would expect from a former policeman. "I am a nuts and bolts man," he says. "I only deal with facts."

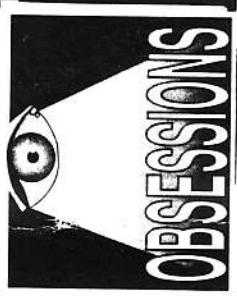
He does not deny ufology staffers from a slightly wacko image. "There are a lot of weirdos around, people living in a world of their own."

As a child he was never really a space person, being totally uninterested in Dan Dare comic strips, sci-fi novels and the like. He became hooked at the age of 20 when he stumbled across a book suggesting the Gods worshipped on earth were all aliens from another planet.

After pooh-poohing the theory he re-read the Bible and discovered a number of references to space vehicles, astronauts and our alien ancestry. "We may well be descendants of someone from another planet." Sorry? "It is possible the son of God mated with earthlings." Oh, I see.

So we have been visited by little green men demanding, in perfect English, to be taken to

ANTHONY CLAVANE talks to the president of the Essex UFO Group about his interest



'Whenever anyone reports a sighting they nearly always say: "You'll think I'm mad, but...'"

our leader. "Oh no. That stuff discredits our work." For a start, the unearthly beings who drop in from time to time tend to be on the greyish side. It is hard to resist the temptation to release a sardonic snigger and shout: "Beam me up Scotty".
Les is used to that kind of reaction. Whenever anyone reports a sighting they nearly always say: "You'll think I'm mad, but..." Does he not think they might have a point? Could they not have hallucinated or overacted on Spielberg videos?

"I have no way of proving our case," he admits. Seeing, however, is believing and he has seen three UFOs, the last being a "pear-shaped thing" which swooped down from the sky two years ago.

Unsurprisingly, he has no time for

pretentious psychologists who argue UFOs are projections of unconscious psychic needs. As President of the Essex UFO research group his role is to record witnesses' accounts and file them. "If somebody wants to tell me something

Driver 'followed' by flying saucer

A Kenosha woman told authorities a flying saucer as large as nine houses followed her car from the Racine County line into the city Friday night. The Sheriff's deputy's report indicated it was the only reported sighting that night of the saucer.

According to the report, Cathy L. Wiley, 36, 4905 38th Ave., was driving home on 22nd Avenue with her three children about 11 p.m. when she noticed three saucer-shaped objects over Lake Michigan.

At about the country line, one of the objects came toward her and shined a bright light over her car. Wiley said the saucer had red, blue, green, yellow and white lights.

In the area of 21st Street the saucer veered off to the west and disappeared.

Was it a UFO?

STRANGE lights in the sky over Lancaster's Marsh estate made revellers think they'd had one drink too many.

A crowd formed in Willow Lane as people making their way home stopped to stare in amazement at the bright lights.

Amateur astronomer, Mr Harry Hinde, who lives in Peel Crescent, said he's never seen anything like it in twenty years.

The sky was clear on Saturday night, with just a few cloud patches. Mr Hinde noticed patches of light going backwards and forward in the sky.

"I thought it was a beam of some sort, but there wasn't any actual beam going up to the clouds to create the light. I went outside for a better view."

He went outside for a better view, meeting several people who were staring up at the sky.

Mr Hinde said: "Far from the light coming from below the ground, it seemed as though there was something up above shining through the clouds.

"People were saying they knew they shouldn't have had that last drink, and get ready for the little green men and everything."

Further

Mr Hinde phoned Lancaster police and was told it could possibly be lights from Blackpool.

Suddenly, there was a brief, sharp flash behind the clouds and the lights disappeared.

Mr Hinde said: "I'm prepared to accept that there could be a rational explanation for it, but I can't figure it out. Some people were convinced they were looking at a UFO. It did look a bit like how other people describe UFOS, but I'd like to take things a bit further before I jump to conclusions."

Dr Andy Adamson, of the University of Central Lancashire, provided the rational explanation.

Dr Adamson said: "The most likely explanation is someone using a powerful searchlight on the ground. There's one in Blackpool. You would only see the beam actually in the clouds, you wouldn't see anything below the clouds because there's nothing for the light to reflect off."

"The first time I saw it I thought 'What on earth is that', but it soon became clear what it was."

MEPs get to grips with close encounters of the third kind

John Carvel in Brussels

AN official report was put before MEPs yesterday saying that people should not rule out the theory "that aliens have established a base in the asteroid belt".

Europeans were advised by the report, however, to treat with circumspection the sightings of triangular shaped UFOs which appear to have showed up around Liège, moving at high speed on the radar screens of the Belgian air force.

The European Parliament, more often associated with building white elephants than seeing pink ones, is treating seriously the report on unidentified flying objects prepared by Tullio Regge, an Italian socialist MEP and eminent physicist.

He wants the Commission to set up a European UFO Observation Centre to collect information about sightings by the public, the military and scientific institutions throughout the EU.

Mr Regge is scathing about fraudsters who alarm people by perpetrating hoaxes, using airships with sophisticated electronics "capable of reflecting radar waves with a displacement of frequency that simulates the Doppler effect".

He does not believe the claims of a Professor Silanov that the Russians used telepathy to communicate with 10ft aliens who emerged from a banana-shaped flying saucer in a park in Voronezh, eastern Russia, in 1989.

But Mr Regge is impressed by the findings of the state-funded Service for Assessment of Atmospheric Re-entry Phenomena in Toulouse, France. It cannot establish a scientific explanation for 40 per cent of the cases it investigates.

"The lack, perhaps temporary or accidental, of an explanation in no way allows us to regard a sighting as certain proof or even an indication that aliens exist, with technological capabilities vastly superior to our own."

"However, scientists still have a duty to continue researching into these events," he says in the report commissioned by the parliament's energy, research and technology committee.

Guardian. 02.12.93

LIGHT HEADED
Can some people cause street lamps to go off by their mere presence? Probably. If they throw a brick at them. Forget UFOs, the latest book from the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena is 'The SLI Effect' by Hillary Evans. It's a provisional assessment of 'Street Lamp Interference', priced £3.25 from ASSAP, St Aldhelm, 20 Paul Street, Frome, Somerset, BA11.

Time Out. 26.05.93

Probe as 40 see West UFO

UFO investigator Doug Cooper is looking into a rash of sightings in the West sky — mostly reported by police.

A huge catamaran-shape was spotted by nearly 40 people over Gwent, Bristol and into Somerset at around 1.10am on March 30.

Mr Cooper, a 56-year-old shopping centre manager in Taunton, has compiled the reports for the British UFO Association.

Several sightings said the UFO was about 500ft wide and 200 ft long, travelled in silence and put out beams of light.

Mr Cooper, a former warrant officer with the Royal Engineers, said: "Had I not got police reports of the object being close to them I would have written it off."

"But people over a large area are saying something similar came in high and fast at the same time."

Western Daily

Press. 22.04.93

Visitors from Mars?

SIGHTINGS of UFOs in the Reading area have rocketed.

From Emmer Green to Twyford, the Chronicle has been inundated with callers anxious to report of sightings of visitors from outer space.

Colin Murray Brown, from Baughurst, was parked by a field along the A4 between Twyford and Reading on Friday night, when he became aware of a strange light in the sky in front of him.

"I thought, initially, that it must be a reflection in the windscreen of the light from some kind of vehicle or building situated to the rear of the car."

After stepping out of the car with his wife, Mr Murray Brown discovered that the shaft of light led up to an illuminated object of cylindrical shape, resembling a short, fat cigar.

The puzzled driver said: "It seemed to be an extra-terrestrial spacecraft."

Valerie Barrett, of Emmer Green, was returning from her local with her husband when she too noticed a large illuminated oval-shaped object in the night sky.

"My husband maintains it was a light shining through a cloud but I stand by my theory that it was little green men from another planet," she said.

Mrs Barrett added that her son and several other people followed the UFO as far as the BBC monitoring station in Emmer Green before it disappeared.

The Chronicle, however, believes it may have solved the mystery of the Phantom UFOs — and far from slipping into our solar system from Outer Space, it is highly likely they have drifted across from deepest White Waltham.

For the past two weeks an airship has been circling above the Reading area as an aerial advertisement. Among the earthly products being promoted by the floating commercial have been Classic FM radio.

Last April, the French news-agency AFP announced that a lion had escaped from Vincennes Zoo and had been seen by several witnesses roaming around the motor-homes and merry-go-rounds of the Foire du Trône, a fairground in the Vincennes wood close to the 14th district of Paris. The fair was closed at 11.15pm on Thursday 29 April instead of 1 o'clock the next morning, while zoo-keepers, policemen and firemen searched in vain for three hours. In point of fact, no lions were missing from the zoo.

Financial Times correspondent Jean-Louis Brodu went to the fair to investigate. Monsieur Papin of the press bureau suggested three explanations: a hypothetical street peddler had lost a lion; a large dog had been misidentified; or it was a malicious hoax. He insisted it was not a publicity stunt—in fact, the fair had lost a lot of money because of the enforced closure—although a story of a UFO landing at the fair had once been invented for publicity. Nevertheless, a lion used for promotion purposes had actually escaped for a while before the war.

The hypothesis that most satisfied the fairground hands and the police was that an attraction-owner, expelled from the fair for non-payment of rent, took revenge by concocting the lion story. This



Are European and US lions real or just copycats, asks Paul Sieveking

scenario played on the fact that the fair is a micro-society in which most disputes are settled internally.

Brodu was told that plots traditionally owned by certain families at the fair were rented through auctions. If the hoaxter's name were known, he would be unable to join any fair in France. A suspect's name was mentioned, and the town in which he usually had his attraction set up. But in classic Fortean fashion, the case remains unproven. There was no further news from AFP, so the reading public was left to assume that the lion was still at large—although no one expressed any undue concern.

When Greg Havican's chickens and turkeys disappeared from his farm in Erie County, Pennsylvania, he figured that a fox or wild dog was to blame. He believes he met

the real culprit on the morning of 31 May. His grandmother had fallen in the kitchen, and as he prepared to follow an ambulance to the hospital, he heard his dogs barking and saw a "brown blur" outside. He grabbed a shotgun and went to his front yard, where he was confronted by a growling lion. He fired a warning shot, and the lion took off. He did too—back into his house.

Two hours later and a mile away, a motorist called police on a car-phone to report a lion on Interstate 90 near a fast-food restaurant. State trooper said the male African lion weighed between 150 and 200 pounds and was wearing a red collar with gold bells, suggesting he was a pet or circus animal.

He saw no need for more description: "If anyone sees a lion, it's probably the lion we're looking

for." No paw prints or other evidence was found and there were no reports of lions missing from zoos or circuses. A review of state permits indicated that there were no recorded lion-owners in the Erie area.

Two days later, the number of reported lion sightings had risen to nine, and there were more suburban reports in the following two weeks. "We wonder if they are copycat reports," said state police. Parents kept their children inside, and some residents toted guns. A chewed-up paddling pool was found, and two sets of tracks; these turned out to be those of a deer and a Great Dane.

Game official Lorraine Yocom pointed out that reports of out-of-place animals often have an element of exaggeration. She said that a week before the first lion sightings, there had been a report of another unusual animal: a kangaroo. It turned out to be a possum that had lost a lot of hair.

Some weeks before that, on 4 May, police were trying to trace the owners of a hungry young lion found in a vacant Detroit house after neighbours reported hearing loud roars coming from the basement.

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New Statesman & Society. 16.07.93

Woman sees 'second UFO'

An Ashbourne woman who claims to have seen a UFO in the sky over Ednaston last December has reported seeing another in a 'carbon copy' incident.

The woman, who does not want to be named, claims she saw the strange craft on Monday night last week while travelling between Derby and Ashbourne at 9.45pm.

"It was in exactly the same place, at

Ashbourne News Telegraph. 06.05.93

the same time and it looked the same," she said. "It was a complete carbon copy of the other sighting."

The UFO was strangely lit up and moved too fast to be either a helicopter or plane. It also made no noise.

The woman now thinks that little green men may be after her because she knows too much. "I have got visions of coming home and finding aliens there saying 'You have seen us twice so we have come to take you away,'" she joked.

OUTRAGE AT EURO BID TO HUNT UFOs

A EURO-plan to spend millions setting up a Flying Saucer Observatory sparked a storm in Britain yesterday.

Tory rebel Sir Teddy Taylor called it a "madcap and barmy" idea and is asking the Government not to pay a penny towards it.

Besides the observatory in France, a Euro committee is also studying the "extent of aliens taking control of areas of outer space."

Sir Teddy said: "They have come to the conclusion they have taken over parts of it, but they are not sure where."

"This is the biggest piece of nonsense I have ever heard in my life, even out of Brussels."

The Sun Says — Page Six

THE SUN, Monday, January 3, 1994

And finally...
EURO MPs want to spend our money
searching for flying saucers.

They won't need to look far.
You can tell aliens by their
pointy heads, weird habits and
the way they talk gobbledegook.
**Just like members of the European
Parliament.**

Little blue men's alien space probe detects criminal life on Earth.

They could hardly believe their ears. Aliens were invading planet Earth. Kearsley Lane, Doncaster, to be exact. The illicit scanners had heard some scams in their time: high street robberies, battles at closing time, even sorry tales of domestic disharmony. But this was something else. They had brought their equipment, available for a few score pounds, perfectly legally. They listened in to police broadcasts, again staying on the right side of the law. It was only when they acted on what they heard that they were guilty of a criminal offence. It could after all, prove rather lucrative to know police movements. South Yorkshire Police had had enough of the eavesdroppers.

They believed criminals were cashing in on information gleaned over the radio airwaves. The mission to ensnare the wrong-doers. Along came Operation Marconi. The miscreants piled along when they heard UFOs had been spotted, according to the latest edition of Billboard the South Yorkshire Police Magazine. Perhaps they should have known better. A couple of weeks earlier, South Yorkshire detectives had masterminded another scheme to crack down on those listening in to their radio transmissions. Money it appeared, was growing on trees. Or at least swirling around them. A spoof broadcast said a couple of bags of lolly had been discovered in woods. Large sums were blowing all over the place, said the frantic broadcaster. Within two minutes, the first car had arrived. It was searched. A scanner tuned to police frequencies was discovered.

It was the same story with the flying saucer ploy. Several people were arrested and have been charged for acting illegally on information in police broadcasts. All this brought from a po-faced response from Liberty, the civil rights organisation. They believed South Yorkshire Police may have been acting as agent provocateur in its pursuit of the radio buffs. "You could say this was a policy of entrapment," said a spokeswoman. "You might consider this a little overzealous. They must have had other things to do at the time". Not so, said a South Yorkshire officer at force control yesterday. "This is a problem throughout the country. We just took the necessary steps to crack down on it."

The Guardian. 27th December 1993

IS it a bird? Is it a plane? No, but it could have been a UFO according to one Crawley mum.

For Diane Munro has spotted a strange object in the skies above her Ifield home.

The mother-of-two was looking out of the bedroom window of her house in Warren Drive, on Sunday night when she saw a peculiar glow.

She said: "I saw a big white light with a red glow

in the middle. At first I thought it could be a big star or a plane coming into land but they don't normally fly over here."

Diane then watched the object shoot up into the air then fly off out of sight at high speed.

She added: "I'm not positive it was a UFO but I was quite excited and would like to believe there is something out there."

"But my five-year-old thinks I'm stupid and my nine-year-old thinks if he hasn't seen it, it can't

exist."

Norman Hatt of the Redhill and Reigate Research Phenomena Group said: "It can be difficult in this area because we are so near the airport.

"But when we look at things in full there is very often a reason behind what

we see, and sometimes we think we see something which isn't really there." And Diane added: "I was always very sceptical about UFOs but now when I look out last thing at night, I always check to see if there is something up there."

Police to probe UFO

RUGELEY police are investigating sightings of a shining oval object seen hovering in the night sky over Brereton in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Worried residents reported seeing the brightly-coloured unidentified flying object shortly before 2am.

A police spokesman said

they don't know what the object was and nothing unusual was reported by air traffic controllers.

Reports of similar sightings have been received from elsewhere in the county and officials at the air traffic investigation department are currently looking into the claims.

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